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| Interview Summary | Application No. | Applicant(s) | |
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Mahesh H. Dwivedi. (3) Kuen Lu (USPTO).
 (2) Ali Imam (Applicant representative). (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 19 December 2007.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
 c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 31 and 34.

Identification of prior art discussed: U.S. Patent 6,105,025.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

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(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: On December 19, 2007, the examiner conducted an interview with applicant's representative, Mr. Ali Imam. Mr. Imam first started out discussing transaction constraints, and how the cited art of Jacobs did not teach them. The examiner stated that dependent claim 34 merely claimed transaction constraints without defining what they comprise. Mr. Imam stated that he would agree to move dependent claim 34 into the independent claim, and would additionally explicitly define what transaction constraints are. Mr. Imam then discussed the differentiating feature of the instant application which comprises the fact that constraint violations are allowed to occur during a transaction, but at the end of the transaction, the state of the system is consistent with the state before the transaction commenced. The examiner stated that adding this limitation would overcome the cited art of Jacobs. The examiner also stated that in terms of patentability, a further search would be required to determine if the instant application is novel.